

Fire Regime Condition Class

(version 1.3)

Course Outline

Using Blackboard Introductory Lesson *approximately 15 minutes*

This introductory presentation explains how to navigate the Blackboard program, including instructions on accessing lessons, exercises, and documents, taking quizzes, and understanding the course format.

Lesson 1: FRCC Overview *approximately 40 minutes*

This overview lesson covers the background of FRCC, a discussion of fire regimes, an explanation of FRCC and how it's determined, FRCC projects conducted to date, FRCC's role in policy and law, the various assessment methods, and an introduction to the Interagency FRCC Guidebook. At the end of the lesson, you will be asked to read Chapter 1 of the FRCC Guidebook and you'll then take Lesson 1 Quiz.

Lesson 2: FRCC Assessment Components *approximately 1 hour 20 minutes*

This lesson covers key FRCC theories and principles that must be learned before conducting the practice FRCC assessment later in this course. You'll be learning how to stratify landscapes into biophysical settings and their associated fire regimes, and then learn how the vegetation and fire regime components are used to diagnose fire regime condition class. At the end of the lesson, you will read Chapter 2 of the FRCC Guidebook and then take Lesson 2 Quiz.

Lesson 3: Introduction to the Standard Landscape Worksheet Method and Practice Assessment *approximately 2 hours*

This lesson simply introduces the Simple 7 Form and Standard Landscape Worksheet, which you'll be using later in the course. In addition, an overview of the exercise associated with this lesson is presented. At the end of the lesson, you will be asked to read Chapter 3 of the FRCC Guidebook and you'll then take Lesson 3 Quiz. After successfully completing the quiz, you'll begin the Lesson 3 Exercise practice assessment.

Lesson 3 Exercise: Practice Landscape Assessment *approximately 2 hours*

In this Lesson 3 Exercise, you'll be viewing a presentation, which explains the exercise and how to access the various necessary documents, filling out a Simple 7 Form along with the presentation, completing Pre-quiz Forms, and finally, transposing the information into the quiz at the end.

Lesson 4: Using the Standard Landscape Worksheet Method

approximately 1 hour 30 minutes

This lesson will first provide an overview of key fields of the Standard Landscape Worksheet and then an overview of the Pre-quiz Worksheet that you'll be filling out prior to taking the Lesson 4 Quiz.

Lesson 5: FRCC Applications *approximately 35 minutes*

In this lesson, you'll learn about some typical uses of FRCC assessments, which range from coarse- to fine-scale applications. You will also learn about the FRCC Mapping Tool through an excerpt from Chapter 4 of the Guidebook.